

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
APRIL 17, 2003**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was sent to The Record on the 19th day of December, 2002, and to the Star-Ledger on the 19th day of December, 2002. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Rich DePena, Tom Essig, Catherine Jacob and Leigh Rivera. Hal Bomzer, Paula DiMeglio, Mercedes Haines and Mary Koegel were excused.

A motion was made by Catherine Jacob and seconded by Leigh Rivera approving the minutes of the March 20, 2003, meeting.

Correspondence: None received.

Hearing of Citizens: Paul Johnson and Bob Becker were present to discuss softball.

Activity reports were as follows:

Bowling - The season ends May 15.

Wrestling – There have been some problems with the lack of organization with this program on the administrative end. Next year Tony Gonzales will handle all administrative work for the wrestling program and Mike Raimundi will work with the participants.

Tony Gonzalez was very upset with the unapproved expenses for this program. As it was not the fault of the company providing the unapproved items, the invoice for 29 hooded sweatshirts and 29 sweatpants for a total of \$1,015.00 was paid by the Board of Recreation with money leftover from other vouchers.

Mr. Gonzalez from the high school was informed that the program cannot run unorganized like this next year if the Board is to be involved. All registration forms must be submitted before the player participates and all expenses must be approved before any purchases are made. Information must be given to players on a timely basis.

T-Ball – Rich DePena will be running this program and will begin on April 26. Rich will call all the registered players to inform them of the starting date. Rich will give Barbara DeLuca the sizes and colors of shirts to be ordered.

Girls' Softball – Paul Johnson and Bob Becker were present at the meeting to offer their assistance to this program. The permit was finally received from Commissioner D'Auria last week. There are some problems with the field assignments because verbal commitments were given to other organizations that are not listed on the permits.

Commissioner Storer posted a sign at Chestnut Street Park advising that the Board of Recreation has exclusive use of this field and any organization wishing to use Chestnut Street Park must get permission from the Board of Recreation. Diane Maglione advised Commissioner Storer that it is difficult to give advance schedules for field use, as many of the Board coaches are police officers with varying shifts.

Leigh Rivera advised that the junior division is pretty much set up and has begun practicing. Paul Johnson has been maintaining the master list of registrants for the softball program. Rich DePena and Paul Johnson had an evaluation of the players and everyone has been assigned to a team. As far as shirts for the younger division, Paul Johnson's team will be Kelly green and Jim Maglione's team will be purple. All sizes will be turned in so that shirts can be ordered.

Bob Becker and Paul Johnson will hold another evaluation for the senior division on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at Chestnut Street Park. Diane Maglione will also be present at the evaluations. Frank Zaccherio said he would bring the equipment for the red team to the evaluations. Tom Essig said he could assign umpires again for the season. Spencer Goldsmith is available to umpire again this year. Rules and letters will be distributed to all participants when the schedule is made up.

Leigh Rivera and Catherine Jacob would like to hold their registrations a little earlier next year. Bob Becker advised them that he would be more than happy to assist with registration and also help in setting up a schedule of other towns to play with. Keys to the bin were given to Leigh Rivera, Catherine Jacob and Bob Becker.

Women's Softball – Frank Zaccherio has everything in order for the next season. Diane Maglione reminded Frank to make sure the women did not keep lights on too late at the park and to remind them the permit does not allow for our adult women to have alcohol in the park and if we violate that the Board could risk losing our permit. Frank said he does explain this to all teams but cannot control what is done when he is not present.

Fourth of July – No activity at this time.

Easter Egg Hunt – Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 19, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. All members should meet at Veteran's Park at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April

19. Mary will dye the eggs at the ambulance corps. building on Friday, April 18 with the assistance of the youth squad.

There was a problem with the candy order, as IGA forgot to order the Board's candy. Mary had to go out and purchase the candy directly from stores. Prizes for the poster contest were distributed. It was brought to Mary Koegel's attention that a girl scout troop prepared posters for the egg hunt but the Board never received them. One of the scout's parents did approach Mary about not hearing anything about her child's poster and the mother was informed that the Board never received any of the posters.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – Frank has no immediate plans for his next activity.

Women's Basketball – Open basketball night for adult women (18 years and older), who reside in Ridgefield Park will begin at Lincoln School gym on Thursday nights from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. began on March 27.

Basketball – The season has ended with on March 28 with a game between the coaches and the 8th grade girls. Coach Andy Scheideler was injured at this game. An incident report was filed with the police department by Rich DePena and an Injury Report filled out. Andy will require surgery for this injury. He has spoken to Matt McArow, who advised him to send all bills to him for payment. A copy of both of these reports will be sent to Matt McArow.

Rich DePena advised that there would be a girls' 7/8 travel team at Hoop Zone. The registration fee of \$800 was picked up entirely by the parents. There is no cost to the Board of Recreation for this activity.

Joe Urbay is still practicing with his boys' team but is unsure if he will enter a team at Hoop Zone. They will be practicing every other week, two nights a week.

Treasurer's Report - The balance as of the last deposit is \$3,584.75.

New Business: The Board still has not heard from the group of parents who wanted to start a sandlot summer baseball program. Diane Maglione advised one of the parents that there are only two more meetings for them to make their presentation before the Board recesses for the summer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Joseph Storer